


MEMORANDUM

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TO: Division of Shellfish Sanitation Staff

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SUBJECT: Plants - Policy - Use of Truck Bodies/Trailers For Storage And Refrigeration

REPLACES WORKING MEMO #104

Purpose

The objective of this memo is to serve as a reference when shellfish dealers request the use of a truck body/trailer for storage or refrigeration.

Policy

1. To preclude a rodent problem, the truck body shall not be placed directly on the ground. The trailer must be at an adequate height from the ground for easy inspection and removal of weeds and trash from around and under the trailer. If the dealer wishes to place the trailer at or on ground level then a sloped concrete pad shall be constructed beneath the entire trailer. The entire trailer body shall then be required to be flush with the surface of the concrete pad.
2. When used as a shellstock cooler, the trailer shall be positioned next to the shellfish processing plant in a position, which shall accommodate the flow of the shellstock directly into the processing area.
3. There shall be a concrete pad or dock constructed between the trailer body and the plant. No dirt or gravel surfaces shall be allowed in travel areas between the trailer body and the plant.
4. The trailer shall be in good condition, easily cleanable and rodent proof. When used as a shellstock cooler, the trailer shall have refrigeration capable of maintaining an ambient air temperature of 45° F in all climatic conditions (i.e. high heat and humidity).
5. The trailer shall be tilted toward the loading doors for easy cleaning and proper drainage. A hose bib shall be conveniently located close to the trailer for washdown.